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RE: Conservation Chemical Company  
of Illinois, Inc. Site, Gary, Indiana  
General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Ms. Beasley:

This letter is in response to a General Notice of Potential Liability letter directed to "National Steel (for Midwest Steel Co.)" (hereinafter referred to as "National Steel Corporation") regarding the Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc. Site, Gary, Indiana ("Site"). That letter generally describes actions which the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is currently planning to conduct at the Site. The letter further requests that the recipients notify EPA in writing of their willingness to perform or finance the activities described and to reimburse EPA for its costs. The letter also advises that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 1994 to discuss the work to be done at the Site and other issues related to the removal action.

National Steel Corporation is just one of many parties which has been identified as potentially responsible ("PRPs") with respect to the Site; thus, it is not in a position to make any decisions regarding performing or financing the work without further information regarding the relative roles of the various parties and the settlement options available to those parties. However, National Steel Corporation does wish to learn more about the matter and intends to attend the November 10 meeting. Neither this letter nor attendance at the November 10 meeting is or should be construed as an admission of liability with respect to the Site. Further contact with National Steel Corporation regarding this Site should be directed to:

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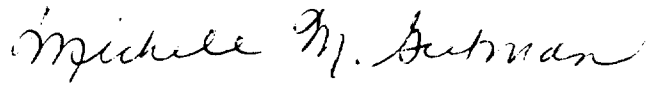


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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele M. Gutman".

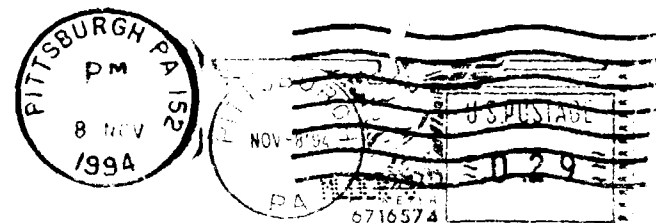
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